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As will be understood from an understanding of the foregoing discussion, a successful balance of generated torque and steering feel or touch can only be achieved by reducing inertia, cogging torque and torque ripple which furthermore can only be achieved when all of the elements, such as 8 poles, 9 slots, winding pattern, and outer stator and inner rotor arrangement exist together, as required in claims 1 and 7 and the claims which depend from them. Applicant, in the claims, has invented motors for electric power steering apparatus which achieve a synergistic effect. See for example Fig. 10. The claims are non-obvious.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested. Allowance of claims 1 and 6-8 at an early date is solicited.

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